

To: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
From: Doug Ericksen
Sent: Tue 6/6/2017 5:16:55 PM
Subject: Sen. Ericksen Fwd: air permit delegation from EPA

Ryan,

I received this email from our Energy Facility Site Evaluation Committee (EFSEC) regarding EPA delegating approval to issue air permits. Bill Lynch is the Director of EFSEC.

Of interest is the last line of the first paragraph. How can region 10 have 600+ employees and not enough manpower to issue a permit in a timely fashion?

Hope all is well in DC. Saw the Administrator on Fox News last night and thought he did a good job.

Doug Ericksen

From: Lynch, Bill (UTC) [<mailto:bilynch@utc.wa.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2017 9:33 AM
To: Ericksen, Sen. Doug <Doug.Ericksen@leg.wa.gov>
Subject: air permit delegation from EPA

Hi Senator Ericksen.

I believe you have seen a copy of the press release we issued yesterday about getting EPA approval to issue air permits. I just wanted to send a note to say thank you for being the prime sponsor of SB 5310, which passed during a special session in 2015. That bill updated EFSEC's enforcement authority, which was needed before EPA could delegate air permitting authority to us. Now that EPA has delegated us this authority by approving our state implementation plan (SIP), it means Grays Harbor Energy can get an air permit they have been waiting on from EPA for about 8 years. We expect that they will get a request for the air permit later in the summer or in early fall. It shouldn't take longer than a few months to turn it around. Other projects that come in the door in the future will also benefit from not having EPA issue the permits. EPA just doesn't have permit writers available.

We continue to make progress on all our other fronts.

Hope your summer is going well.

Bill